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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed September 18, 2003, setting forth a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I. The general species of the collar protector design. At claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 34 to 61 inclusive, drawn to the species I, Fig. 1; II, Fig. 8; and III, Fig. 20.

Group II. Species of the attachment assembly. At claims 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 14, 17, 23, 24, 25, 32, 33, 51, 56 and 58, drawn to the species A, Figs. 1 and 8; B, Fig. 13; and C, Fig. 15.

Group III. Species of the holding members. At claims 1, 3, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 32, 34, 35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41 and 43, drawn to the species a, Figs. 1 and 8; b, Fig. 17; c, Fig. 18; d, Fig. 19; and e, Fig. 20.


In response, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, corresponding to claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32

and 34 to 61 inclusive. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application corresponding to the non-elected claims.

In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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